as Diwan will have a different bearing. In the same way, acts done by the Devaswam Inspector in his capacity as a Devaswam servant have a different bearing. Is it not so? It will have to be considered in that light.

The Appointment of Mr. U. Kandar Menon as the Trichur Sirkar Vakil.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

136. (a) Is it a fact that the appointment of Mr. U. Kandar Menon of the Trichur bar as the local Sirkar Vakil was considered by the Government?

(b) Though that appointment was not made forthwith, is it a fact that the Sirkar Vakil of Trichur, who was instructing the Sirkar Advocate in the Nambudiri Vidyalayam case, was ordered to be superseded by Mr. Kandar Menon to whom the papers were entrusted even for instruction?

(c) Considering the fact that the Sirkar Vakil has put in but 20 years' service, were the Government justified in doing an act so as to create a seeming impression in the public that the Sirkar Vakil was not competent even to 'instruct' in the case?

(d) If the Government had been convinced of such a lamentable lack of his qualification, why did they not dispense with his services long ago?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Nothing requiring any justification has been done in the present case.

(d) In view of the answer to (c) above, this portion does not call for an answer.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

In the answer to part (c) here, it is stated "Nothing requiring any justification has been done in the present case." It is admitted that the Sirkar Vakil was in service for the last 20 years. But I never question about the power of the Government to do anything and everything. But here the question is whether they were justified in doing so. He was in the service for 20 years, and he was found incompetent even to instruct in a case. He was a Vakil for the last 20 years, and if he was found incompetent even to instruct in a case, how is the Government justified in keeping him for so long a period? That is the justification which I want.

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Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

By this action of the Government, the Government do not mean any reflection on the capacity of Mr. Krishna Ayyar. The case relating to the Nambudiri Vidyalayam is an important one. Mr. Vijayaraghavachari was examined on commission, and it was thought that Mr. Kandar Menon would do better.

PRESIDENT.

No reflection on his character or capacity is meant by appointing Mr. Kandar Menon for the work.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are we justified in asking him to give instruction? That is my point. He was not conducting the case but was instructing in the case through a bigger Vakil. So he was found incompetent to do that. In conducting a case himself, he may have shown himself better. In this instance he had simply to instruct another Vakil.

PRESIDENT.

Instruction is sometimes more important than the actual conduct of the case. From your point of view, instructing seems to be a subordinate work. In an English Court, a Barrister conducts the case, and all the materials are supplied by others. It is no less important a function.

Theendal Notice Boards.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

137. (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the number of *Theendal* (prohibition) notice boards put up in public places by (1) the Government, (2) the Panchayats, (3) Municipalities and (4) Government Devaswams in the State (Devaswams under the control and management of Government)?

(b) Why are they so put up?

(c) Are the Government aware of the protests made against these notice boards by the public?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) (1) Nil, (2) nil, (3) nil and (4) nil.

(b) and (c). In view of the answer to part (a), queries (b) and (c) do not arise.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

The answer to question (a) is "Nil, nil, nil, nil". Do the Government mean that there is no public place in the State where non-caste Hindus are prohibited from entering?

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